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State disciplines health care providers

OLYMPIA — The Washington State Department of Health has taken disciplinary actions or withdrawn charges against health care providers in our state.

The department's Health Systems Quality Assurance Office works with boards, commissions, and advisory committees to set licensing standards for more than 70 health care professions (e.g., medical doctors, nurses, counselors).

Information about health care providers is on the agency Web site. Click on "Provider Credential Search" on the left hand side of the [Department of Health home page](http://www.doh.wa.gov) (www.doh.wa.gov). The site includes information about a health care provider's license status, the expiration and renewal date of their credential, disciplinary actions and copies of legal documents issued after July 1998. This information is also available by calling 360-236-4700. Consumers who think a health care provider acted unprofessionally are also encouraged to call and report their complaint.

Benton County

In April 2010 the Nursing Commission released registered nurse **Connie J. Aimone** (RN00050151) from terms and conditions set against her license.

In May 2010 the Dental Commission granted the application of dental assistant **Diana S. Shelby** (D160136948) and placed her registration on probation for two years. Her license to practice as a denturist in Washington was suspended. She must comply with terms and conditions set against her registration.

Chelan County

In April 2010 the Board of Pharmacy terminated the order of probation against pharmacist **Charley L. Chamberlain** (PH00011103).

Clark County

In May 2010 the Nursing Commission amended the statement of charges against registered nurse **Phyllis L. Cimino** (RN00167649). She was convicted of offering false instrument for filing or record.

Clallam County

In May 2010 the Chemical Dependency Professional Program granted the application of chemical dependency professional trainee **Nona Gale Deanda** (CO60147549) and placed her certification on probation until October 31, 2013. Her registration to practice as a counselor was placed on probation. She must comply with terms and conditions set against her certification.

Cowlitz County

In April 2010 the Nursing Commission reinstated the license of registered nurse **Melanie L. Hancock** (RN00090386).

In April 2010 the Chemical Dependency Professional Program granted the application of chemical dependency professional trainee **Eric L. Miller** (CO60140894) and placed his certification on probation for two years. He was convicted of driving under the influence, reckless driving, and possession of methamphetamine. He must comply with terms and conditions set against his certification.

King County

In April 2010 the Nursing Commission reinstated the license of licensed practical nurse **Dottie L. Dunthorn** (LP00034239) and placed her license on probation. She must comply with terms and conditions set against her license.

In May 2010 the Nursing Assistant Program reinstated the registration of **Rainy Kay Griffin** (NA00012862). She is also known as Kathryn A. Clark.

In May 2010 the Chiropractic Commission charged chiropractic x-ray technician **Patricia Ann Hoolahan** (CX00000904) with unprofessional conduct. While performing bookkeeping duties, she allegedly stole payments from multiple patients.

In May 2010 the Chemical Dependency Professional Program terminated the order of probation against **Isabela P. Mailman** (CP60052082).

In April 2010 the Health Care Assistant Program granted the application of **Eugene Royster, III** (HC00155227) and placed his credential on probation for one year. He was convicted of driving under the influence and must comply with terms and conditions set against his license.

Kittitas County

In April 2010 the Massage Program terminated the order of probation against **Patricia Rae Richerson** (MA60016586).

Kitsap County

In May 2010 the Nursing Assistant Program granted the applications for certified nursing

assistant **Matthew James Boston** (NA60113808, NC60110715) and imposed terms and conditions. He entered into a continuance on charges of telephone harassment, assault, and criminal trespass.

In May 2010 the Nursing Commission charged registered nurse **Susan Leupold** (RN00158445) with unprofessional conduct. She allegedly failed a pre-employment drug screen, and was responsible for documentation discrepancies related to narcotic drugs.

Pierce County

In April 2010 the Board of Pharmacy modified an order against pharmacy assistant applicant **Mikki L. Brooks** (VB00065074). She is now able to reapply to become a pharmacy assistant.

In May 2010 the Massage Program granted the application of **Quitina O. Dewey** (MA60129906) and placed restrictions against her license. She was convicted of shoplifting on more than one occasion. She must comply with terms and conditions set against her license.

In April 2010 the Licensed Mental Health Counselor Program denied the application of **Ronald Allen Fandrick** (LH60063060). In March 2010, his credential to practice as a registered counselor was suspended for five years.

In May 2010 the Health Care Assistant Program charged **Brandon A. Hagen** (HC00152899) with unprofessional conduct. He allegedly had a colleague at his place of employment insert him with an IV. He wasn't a patient at the hospital.

Snohomish County

In May 2010 the Chemical Dependency Professional Program granted the application of trainee applicant **Suzanne Michelle Colfelt** (CO60143587) and placed her credential on probation for one year. She was convicted of driving under the influence on more than one occasion, and reckless endangerment. She must comply with terms and conditions set against her certification.

In May 2010 the Nursing Commission charged licensed practical nurse **Leslie J. Young** (LP00037142) with unprofessional conduct. She allegedly incorrectly or falsely recorded physician orders related to a patient's feeding tube.

Spokane County

In May 2010 the Nursing Assistant Program granted the application of **Jesse A. Glemaker** (NA60141858) and placed his registration on probation for two years. He was convicted of assault — domestic violence, and interference with a domestic violence report. He must comply with terms and conditions set against his registration.

In May 2010 the Nursing Assistant Program charged certified nursing assistant **Shyesta M. Kennedy** (NC10089743) with unprofessional conduct. She allegedly used a patient's financial information to pay personal bills, and make purchases for her own benefit totaling about \$8000.

In May 2010 the Nursing Assistant Program charged certified nursing assistant **Ashli E. Paladie** (NC10090219) with unprofessional conduct. She allegedly borrowed and received money from residents on multiple occasions. She was also convicted of solicitation to commit possession of a controlled substance — heroin.

In May 2010 the Medical Commission charged physician **Steven L. Pugh** (MD00039278) with unprofessional conduct. He allegedly failed to comply with terms and conditions set against his Washington license.

Whatcom County

In May 2010 the Unlicensed Practice Program issued a notice of intent to issue cease and desist order to **Julie M. Settlemier**. She allegedly diagnosed and recommended treatment for multiple patients for a number of different ailments. She allegedly described herself as a doctor of naturopathy but doesn't hold a license to practice any health profession in the state of Washington.

Out of State

California: In May 2010 the Medical Commission charged physician **Howard S. Hanks** (MD00041596) with unprofessional conduct. He allegedly has been excluded from participation in Medicare, Medicaid, and all federal health care programs for failure to repay his Health Education Assistance Loan. He also didn't cooperate with the investigation.

Illinois: In April 2010 the Veterinary Board of Governors terminated the order of probation against veterinarian **Scott E. McDonald** (VT00004351).

Note to Editors: Health care providers charged with unprofessional conduct have 20 days to respond to the Department of Health in writing. The case then enters the settlement process. If no disciplinary agreement can be reached, the case will go to a hearing.

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